(b) if so, when was the said Committee constituted and what measures were suggested by the Committee in its report; and

(c) the action taken by the government to implement these measures and by when the power generation will commence?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) An Empowered Group of Ministers has been set up in September, 2004, to examine and decide all issues related to the Dabhol Power Project.

Community participation in rural drinking water supply programmes

48. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the districts in Tamil Nadu/Karnataka where Government has taken up reforms in rural drinking water supply to institutionalise community participation;

(b) the number of drinking water schemes started during the Ninth Five Year Plan period and the number of villages benefited thereby during the same period;

(c) the target for the Tenth Five Year Plan under these schemes with the number of additional villages to be covered in Karnataka/Tamil Nadu; and

(d) the financial assistance allocated and released to Karnataka/Tamil Nadu under these drinking water schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) to (d) With a view to institutionalise community participation in the rural drinking water supply sector, Government of India had launched the Sector Reform Project in 1999 where in pilot projects were commenced in 67 districts of 26 States, including in 3 districts of Karnataka and 6 districts of Tamil Nadu, by June 2002. The project implementation period was for three years and, after the scaling up of reforms to cover the entire country through Swajaldhara in December 2002, the Sector reform Pilot Projects have been integrated with Swajaldhara from the current financial year. since these were demand-driven projects, no target of coverage as such was fixed for either the Ninth Plan or the Tenth Plan period. Up to 20 percent of the

Budget provision for rural water supply programme of Government of India is earmarked for Swajaldhara projects. Under Swajaldhara, Government of India makes State-wise allocation of funds as per the inter-State Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) allocation ratio fixed for the year and the State Governments, in turn, make district-wise allocations.

The list of names of districts taken up under Sector Reform Project, financial assistance provided and number of water supply schemes taken up and completed so far in karnataka and Tamil Nadu along with details of funds released under Swajaldhara 2002-03, Swajaldhara 2003-04 and Swajaldhara 2004-05 are in the Statement.

Statement

List of districts taken up under Sector Reform Project in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, funds released by Government of India and number of water supply schemes taken up and completed (as on 25.11.2004)

S. No.	Name of the district	Total funds released by Government of India (Rs. in lakh)	Total no. of schemes	No. of schemes completed
1.	Bellary	1122.00	710	677
2.	Mangalore	3660.08	2243	1609
3.	Mysore	3554.00	1124	1094
	Total-Karnataka	**8336.08**	**4077**	**3380**
4.	Coimbatore	3366.00	1650	1650
5.	Cuddalore	3366.00	2355	2355
6.	Perambalur	2934.30	1184	1184
7.	Vellore	3701.20	3411	3411
8.	Kancheepuram	2855.99	536	536
9.	Virudhunagar	2764.32	505	505
	Total Tamil Nadu	**18987.81**	**9641**	**9641**

Details of funds released to Karnataka and Tamil Nadu under Swajaldhara 2002-03, Swajaldhara 2003-04 and Swajaldhara 2004-05 (as on 25.11.2004)

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Funds released under Swajaldhara 2002-03	Funds released under Swajaldhara 2003-04	Funds released under Swajaldhara 2004-05
1.	Karnataka	118.31	753.77	940.15
2.	Tamil Nadu	1394.63	673.20	666.84

BPL people in North-Eastern Region

49. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people and families living Below Poverty Line in the North-Eastern Region as on date, State-wise;

(b) the details of the schemes launched by Government to lift the people above poverty line in these States; and

(c) the details of funds allocated by Government for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The number of people and families living Below Poverty Line in the North Eastern Region, State-wise as estimated by the Planning Commission and through the BPL Census (1997) respectively are given below:

S. No.	State	Rural Population below poverty line estimated by the Planning Commission during 1999-2000 (No. in lakhs)	No. of BPL families as identified during BPL Census, 1997
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	3.80	80627
2.	Assam	92.17	2164416
3.	Manipur	6.53	246980
4.	Meghalaya	7.89	156646
5.	Mizoram	1.40	74154
6.	Nagaland	5.21	88541
7.	Sikkim	2.00	Not Reported
8.	Tripura	12.53	397798